



## MEETING MINUTES

Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007  
2 – 4 pm

San Martin Lions Club Hall (12415 Murphy Avenue)

### I. Pledge of Allegiance

### II. Administrative Items

- A. Introductions: Introductions were skipped, since most everyone was regular attendee.
- B. Attendee Sign-In Sheet: Chairperson Sylvia Hamilton reminded attendees to sign in and review their contact information for accuracy, or to add their name and contact information if they would like to be on the interested parties mailing list.
- C. Additional Agenda Items: No items were added.
- D. Open Forum (2 minutes per speaker unless otherwise allowed by the Chair):  
Belinda Rianda reported that she is working with Dr. Benjamin Blount, Centers for Disease Control, and Dr. Marty Fenstersheib, Santa Clara County Health Officer, on arranging a perchlorate study in the plume study. She is trying to find people who would be willing to participate in the study and asked that people provide her with their contact information. Several participants voiced the opinion that people would be more inclined to participate if the notice were coming from official sources such as the CDC or County Health Officer.
- E. Next Meeting Date: Sylvia reported that Olin has a difficult time participating in Friday afternoon meetings. She asked people their opinion of moving the March meeting from 3/2/07 to 3/1/07, to enable Olin to make a presentation on their 12/6/06 submittals. People felt we should accommodate Olin. Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) staff reported that they plan to respond to the submittals in February 2007. PCAG passed a motion to move the March PCAG meeting to Thursday, March 1, 2007 at 2:00 pm.  
  
Sylvia confirmed that the San Martin Planning Advisory Committee will meet on Tuesday, July 3, 2007 due to the Independence Day holiday.
- F. November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 Meeting Minutes: The minutes were approved as written.

### III. Presentations/Discussions

- A. Review & Discussion of Llagas Subbasin Olin Reports Summary – Jerry Orlando (TOSC -- Technical Outreach Services for Communities)
  - 1. *Cleanup Feasibility Study Revised 12/06/06*
  - 2. *Area 1 Plume Migration Control Feasibility Study 12/06/06*
  - 3. *Area 1 Plume Migration Control Work Plan 12/06/06*

Jerry explained that Olin revised their original "Cleanup Feasibility Study" in response to extensive comments by the Regional Board. However, Olin did not change their conclusions, but provided more detailed rationale for those conclusions. Jerry then went through his reports summary (attached). PCAG had the following discussion regarding the reports.

- The report does not appear to acknowledge that the MCL could change, i.e, be lowered in response to ongoing health studies and re-evaluation of the PHG. Hector Hernandez, Regional Board staff, reiterated that the MCL is the maximum possible cleanup level.
- Santa Clara Valley Water District (District) actions, such as approval for enrollment in the District's Treated Groundwater Recharge/Reinjection (TGRR) program, should not be on Olin's critical path. At the same time, agencies need to minimize the number of hoops through which Olin must jump. Dennis Kennedy recommended using the Perchlorate Working Group as a forum for discussing a coordinated agency approach.
- The PCAG and audience expressed a strong interest in seeing Olin move forward now with cleanup. The group acknowledged that there are questions that still need answering, but does not believe beginning cleanup is contingent on answering all those questions. The group would like to understand better what Olin is doing to move the case forward, because a lot for progress is not apparent.
- PCAG expressed an interest in seeing a plume map of the northeast area. Regional Board staff explained that those maps are in the Northeast Characterization Report (October 2006) and the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2006 Monitoring Report (January 2007).
- Olin's conclusion that difference in cleanup time between pump and treat and monitoring attenuation is not significant did not sit well with PCAG. It does not recognize the hassle of the community dealing with bottled water; many people need assistance to replace the 5-gallon bottles. Morgan Hill is incurring significant costs for treatment. Olin should perform a more thorough analysis of the benefits and cost of pumping smaller areas to reduce concentrations. Morgan Hill's pumping shows it is feasible and Olin has on-site experience that they can extrapolate to off-site conditions. Also, PCAG would like technical assistance with assessing whether Olin's estimate of the volume of groundwater requiring cleanup is reasonable.

Sylvia will send a comment letter to the Regional Board summarizing the PCAG discussion.

B. RWQCB Update – *Eric Gobler, Hector Hernandez (Regional Water Quality Control Board Staff)*

There will be an Olin Case status report at the next Regional Water Quality Control Board meeting, which will held on February 9, 2007 in Salinas.

If residents are uncomfortable with Olin's monitoring program, they can sample their wells themselves. Residents should follow the sampling protocol on the Regional Board's web site and use a certified laboratory. Olin will provide bottled water and reimburse laboratory costs if the results are above 6.0 micrograms per liter perchlorate.

C. Annual Groundwater Guardian Work Plan – Tracy Hemmeter (*Santa Clara Valley Water District*)

Tracy reported that the Annual Work Plan is due on 2/15/07. She said the work plan would include the ongoing PCAG efforts to keep the community informed of perchlorate activities, but asked if there were additional ideas. People expressed an interest in more information and opportunities for hazardous waste management.

#### IV. Additional Topics

- A. Perchlorate Working Group – Tracy: There isn't a meeting to report on. The next meeting is scheduled for March. Tracy will bring up Dennis' idea of using the PWG as a forum for facilitating agency coordination related to cleanup efforts.
- B. Domestic Well Ion-Exchange System Certification Update – Tracy: Tracy reported that Olin had submitted their final proposal to DHS, but that she had not yet had an opportunity to review it.

#### V. Next Meeting:

The following two topics were recommended for the next agenda:

1. Monitoring results for the west side of Monterey
2. Map of people receiving bottled water

#### VI. Adjourn / Hall Cleanup: The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

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